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## DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

- \*\* **August 29** – Is the deadline for public review and comments on the New York City Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Concept Paper, which is a precursor to a forthcoming request-for-proposals (RFP). The SYEP Concept Paper proposes new elements that aim to ensure that job placements and educational activities are age-appropriate, expand the number of private-sector jobs, diversify the types of jobs offered to participants, and address the employment needs of youth who face barriers to employment. To download a PDF file of the Concept Paper, go to <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.
- \*\* **Now Available** – Fall 2008 Professional Development Training scholarship applications are now available to download online. DYCD provides scholarships for staff of community-based and non-profit organizations to participate in the Family Development Training and Credentialing Program (FDC) and the Family Development for Supervisors Credentialing Program. To apply for the programs or for additional information, go to the DYCD Web site: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

## SPOTLIGHT NEWS

- \*\***DYCD Commissioner Speaks at Work Opportunity Tax Credit Press Conference**  
On July 9, Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav spoke at a press conference to encourage local businesses to take advantage of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) and hire young people. Her remarks focused on how summer youth employment is strongly correlated to high school graduation and lifelong employment. The WOTC offers employers a one-time federal tax credit for each eligible youth. The press conference was held in East Harlem and organized by Congressman Charles Rangel. Supporting the Commissioner were Mario Musolino, New York State Department of Labor Executive Deputy Commissioner, and Kathryn Wylde, partnership for NYC President and CEO. Many elected officials and community leaders also attended the event.
- \*\***DYCD Joins New Yorkers to “Help Take a Bite Out of Crime”**  
On August 5, DYCD Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav and staff members, in collaboration with the 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Police Precincts, attended two events to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Night Out Against Crime in Washington Heights. The events were attended by thousands of community members and the goal was to heighten awareness of crime and drug prevention strategies. Commissioner Mullgrav presented Proclamations on behalf of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and DYCD staff distributed information about its programs available in the area.

### **\*\*DYCD Hosts Foreign Delegations**

On July 8, DYCD met with the Youth Services manager from Sydney, Australia, Ms. Helen Xiron. Her responsibilities include Sydney's youth centers, as well as policy and programs for youth ages 12-24. She was especially interested in learning about DYCD's afterschool programs. Staff from OST, the Beacon program, RHY, and External Relation shared an overview of the Agency's mission and services. Ms. Xiron spoke about her role and the challenges she faces with the Sydney youth population.

On July 11, a delegation of representatives from the German Bundestag met with DYCD staff to discuss strategies for promoting civic engagement among young people. An overview of the TeenACTION (Achieving Change Together In Our Neighborhood) initiative was given; the project supports 57 community programs that provides service opportunities for 3,000 youth.

On August 6th, DYCD staff met with students from CompuCollege in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. The students are completing their degrees in the Child and Youth Care Diploma Program and Addictions Support Worker. The students were interested in meeting with youth professionals who work in treatment centers, group homes, youth centers, family support programs, community based programs, foster care and schools. DYCD staff provided the visitors with an overview of the agency's services, including detailed information on our afterschool programs, neighborhood development services, fatherhood initiative, and Youthline operation. The visitors inquired about training for staff, serving multi-ethnic constituencies, and internships with the programs. The meeting with DYCD staff was followed by a site visit to the University Settlement Beacon Community Center.

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

### **\*\* DYCD Releases Evaluation on Out-of-School Time (OST) High School Programs**

Policy Studies Associates (PSA) – consultants retained with Wallace Foundation funding - recently submitted its study of DYCD-contracted OST high school programs. Since 2005, more than 30,000 high school youth have participated in more than 100 OST programs operated in schools or community centers. Academic enhancement and recreation followed by life skills activities, arts and culture, community building, and career and work activities were the most common types of program activities. Participants expressed a strong sense of belonging and reported positive relationships with peers and staff. Many youth agreed that participation in an OST program helped improve their academic capabilities and exposed them to new experiences. Many programs, however, still struggled to meet their enrollment and attendance requirements. DYCD will integrate the findings of this report into a new Request for Proposals for OST programs for high school-age youth. To read the report, go to the DYCD Web site: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd> .

### **\*\* The Bronx Zoo Holds DYCD Day Event**

On July 31, 2008, thousands of participants from the Department of Youth and Community Development's Beacon and OST Summer Camps attended the DYCD Day at The Bronx Zoo event. This is the second year the Bronx Zoo teamed up with the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development to recognize and celebrate DYCD Summer Camps throughout NYC with a Day at the Zoo. There were over 4,000 participants and staff in attendance, from over 50 DYCD Summer Camp Programs. Each year the Department of Youth and Community Development serves over 32,000 participants through our Beacon and OST Summer Camp Programs. Operating from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, DYCD Summer Camps are designed to offer a holistic summer camp experience with structured theme-based activities, trips, and recreational services.

### **\*\* DYCD Participates in Far Rockaway "Bring Hope Back" Event**

On July 19, DYCD supported the Bergen Basin Community Development Corporation and sponsored informational tables at the "Bring Hope Back" event at the Redfern Houses in Far Rockaway. Over 500 youth, parents, and seniors attended. Staff shared information about DYCD-funded local services and programming and distributed maps of all DYCD-funded programs located in the Rockaways, copies of the NYC Youth Guide to Summer Fun 2008 and other handouts.

### **\*\* DYCD Hosts First Meeting of CEO Literacy Program Providers**

On July 15, DYCD met with the five contracted providers of a new literacy service pilot, designed by the Center for Economic Opportunity, and administered by DYCD. The goal of the program is to significantly improve participants' reading levels. The target population is youth, ages 16-24, reading at the 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade reading levels; participants

receive pre-GED basic skills instruction as well as comprehensive support services such as job counseling and placement.

### **\*\* Youth Employment Program Updates**

The 2008 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) has enrolled over 43,000 participants. DYCD received 103,177 applications, of which more than 60 percent (63,042) were received online. There are 6,527 approved worksites throughout the City. The program runs for seven weeks and ends on August 16.

NYC Ladders for Leaders participants began their summer internships on June 30. On July 11, they met at DYCD in gender-specific workshops to discuss program goals and expectations, summer events, and program scholarship opportunities. NYC Ladders for Leaders offers qualified high school and college students summer internships at some of the most dynamic companies in the City. On August 18, a barbecue will be held at Gracie Mansion celebrating the 2008 NYC Ladders for Leaders graduating class.

### **\*\* Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Advisory Committee Meets**

On July 25, at the monthly DYCD Runaway and Homeless Youth Advisory Committee meeting, Neil Hernandez, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Juvenile Justice gave a report on youth involved in the juvenile justice system who resided in RHY shelters in FY 2007. The presentation was part of a DYCD effort to begin sharing data with other NYC agencies and develop improved services. The RHY Concept Paper was also discussed at the meeting.

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **\*\*FOR YOUTH\*\***

**Staples Foundation for Learning** announces funds to support programs that provide job skills and/or education for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. The submission deadline is October 10. For information, go to: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org/foundapplication.html>.

**The Corps Network** announces funds to support organizations that undertake service projects for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 19, 2009. The goal of the MLK Day of Service mini-grants are to provide relief to a condition of poverty through service, mobilize a diverse group of volunteers with a focus on disadvantaged youth, and cultivate new and existing community partnerships. Service projects can include environmental conservation and restoration, education and human services, building renovation and construction, and disaster relief and recovery. Nonprofits and faith- and community-based organizations are eligible to apply. The submission deadline is September 2. \$80,000 is available to fund 25 awards, ranging from \$1,000-\$10,000. A match is required. For additional information, go to: <http://www.corpsnetwork.org/MLKdayofservice.asp>.

The **William T. Grant Foundation** is pleased to announce the fall 2008 competition for our *Youth Service Improvement Grants*. These grants will support activities conducted by nonprofit community-based organizations in the New York metropolitan area to improve the quality of services for young people ages 8 to 25. Proposed improvements should be at the point-of-service and can include, but are not limited to the following: activities to increase the attendance of enrolled youth and decrease program drop-outs; development and implementation of improved curricula and teaching materials; and activities to improve the direct service skills of line staff, such as on-site, ongoing staff development. They will not award general operating funds. Applications will be accepted from July 15 to September 11. Awards are up to \$25,000 for six-month to two-year projects. To download the application guidelines and descriptions of previous awards visit the Foundation's website at: [http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url5243/info-url\\_show.htm?doc\\_id=646425](http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url5243/info-url_show.htm?doc_id=646425). Their guidelines have been updated since last cycle, so please review the document even if you have applied previously.

### **\*\*FOR COMMUNITIES\*\***

Administered by the **Lower Manhattan Cultural Council**, the *Manhattan Community Arts Fund* supports local arts organizations and artists that have little access to other government funding sources. MCAF seeks to provide small grants for arts projects and local artists serving Manhattan communities. An MCAF grant is often one of the first grants an artist or group receives and can help recipients to eventually leverage financial support from other sources. The program is designed to prepare applicants for the process of obtaining public funds. The program awards grants ranging from \$750 to \$5,000 each to individual artists or nonprofit organizations. LMCC will award

approximately \$250,000 in total grants through MCAF this year. LMCC expects to award approximately 150 grants. Last year the average grant amount was \$1,200. Applications will be accepted from Manhattan-based individual artists or nonprofit organizations. To be eligible to apply, organizations must have had an operating budget of less than \$100,000 for two of the last three fiscal years, and individual artists must live in Manhattan. First-time applicants are required to attend an information session. Returning applicants are also encouraged to attend to help them develop strong applications. See the LMCC Web site for dates and locations of information sessions. The application deadline is September 23. Program guidelines and application materials are available at the LMCC Web site: <http://www.lmcc.net/grants/infosessions.html> .

The **National Endowment for the Arts** announces three distinct projects. These projects, listed below, provide career opportunities or arts programming for individuals with disabilities, older adults, or those in healthcare settings: *Statewide Forums on Careers in the Arts for Individuals with Disabilities*; *Access to Design Professions*; and *Arts in Healthcare Consultancy Program*. The Arts Endowment plans to award one grant for each project. Each grant may be renewed for up to four years, subject to agency priorities, the availability of funds, and grantee performance. These projects are managed by the Arts Endowment's AccessAbility Office, which works with a wide range of public and private partners. The closing date for applications is August 27. For more information on the background of each project, visit the Accessibility section of the Arts Endowment's Web site: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=42337>

The **U.S. Conference of Mayors** is accepting applications to reward cities for recycling aluminum beverage cans. Cities will compete against like-sized cities in four divisions determined by population. The following types of awards are being offered: *Most Cans Collected awards* will be presented to the city in each division that collects the most recyclable aluminum beverage cans between October 1 and October 31. *Most Innovative Ideas awards* will be presented to one city in each division for developing the most exciting ideas to promote aluminum beverage can recycling in their community and *Partner with Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Affiliate awards* recognize cities that partner with their local KAB organization to create the most sustainable aluminum beverage can recycling initiative. The deadline to enroll is September 30. Awards range from \$2,000 to \$5,000. For further information, go to: <http://www.cans4cash.com/cansforcash/default.aspx> .

The **New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance** (OTDA), Bureau of Employment Contract Management has issued an *Educational Resources Program Request for Proposals* to secure the services of eligible organizations to provide education and/or training activities to help address the needs of TANF eligible individuals to enable them to become literate, productive and successful in the workplace, home and community. Proposals are due by September 10, 2008 at 4:00 pm. Program requirements and application instructions are outlined in the Educational Resources Program Request For Proposal, which can be found on the OTDA Web site: [http://www.otda.state.ny.us/main/cgo/procurement\\_bid.htm](http://www.otda.state.ny.us/main/cgo/procurement_bid.htm) or fax your request to: Kathleen Dougherty at (518) 473-7993.

The **Multiple Sclerosis Foundation** is accepting applications from individuals with multiple sclerosis across the United States for the Brighter Tomorrow grant program. The goal of the grant is to provide individuals with MS with goods or services (valued at up to \$1,000 per recipient) to improve their quality of life by enhancing safety, self-sufficiency, comfort, or well-being. Recipients of the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation's Brighter Tomorrow grant have received car repairs, ramps, wheelchairs, walkers, eyeglasses, computers, appliances, televisions, furniture, therapeutic equipment, hobby supplies, retreats, and various home modifications. To qualify, a person must be 18 years of age or older and diagnosed with MS, or the parent of a minor child diagnosed with MS, and be a permanent U.S. resident. They must not have any other means of fulfilling the need they express. Applicants are asked to provide basic personal and financial information, and to write a brief essay of 100 words or less to describe how the grant would help them have A Brighter Tomorrow. Applications for the next program cycle will be accepted as of July 1. Applications will be made available at the foundation's Web site: [http://www.msfocus.org/programs\\_grants\\_bwmfg.php](http://www.msfocus.org/programs_grants_bwmfg.php) .

The **Kresge Foundation** has announced two new comprehensive grant-making programs: the *Health Program* and the *Environment Program*. Both the Health and Environment Programs address health and environment-related social issues, particularly those affecting minority, low-income, and other underserved communities. The Environment Program seeks to have tangible effects on the practices and policies associated with climate change and environmental sustainability. The programs are in the development stage; program teams will be refining their grant-making focus and strategy over the next year. For both programs, applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations or government entities that have financial statements prepared and certified by a certified public accountant in

accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or Government Accounting Standards. Private foundations, individuals, and elementary and secondary schools are ineligible and may not apply. Deadline: Open To learn more about each program, their goals, eligibility criteria, and processes for submission of project ideas, visit the Health Program and Environment Program sections of the Kresge Web site: <http://www.kresge.org/content/displaycontent.aspx?CID=154>

The **Department of Health and Human Services** announces funds to provide parenting instruction, child care, transportation, family budgeting, nutrition and health services, family planning, abstinence education, and pregnancy prevention services (*Transitional Living/Maternity Group Homes for Runaway and Homeless Youth*). City or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, public housing authorities, for-profit organizations, nonprofits, and faith-based organizations are eligible. The submission deadline is August 25. \$12,000,000 is available to fund 80 awards up to \$200,000. A match is required. For additional information, go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2009-ACF-ACYF-CX-0064.html> .

The **Allstate Foundation** supports national and local programs that fit within three focus areas. Proposals for program support must address needs within one of the three focus areas to be considered for funding: *Safe and Vital Communities*: Programs should address: Catastrophe response; Youth anti-violence; Neighborhood revitalization; or Teen safe driving - *Economic Empowerment*: Programs should address: Financial and economic literacy; Insurance education; Empowerment for victims of domestic violence - **Tolerance, Inclusion and Diversity**: Programs should address: Teaching tolerance to youth; and Ending hate crimes. The Foundation has no deadlines for submission. Proposals may be submitted throughout the calendar year. For additional guidelines, go to: <http://www.allstate.com/foundation/funding-guidelines.aspx> .

For schools and non-profit organizations, **State Farm** will issue about 200 (\$1,000 grants each) nationwide to support work within Hispanic communities that lead to increasing the graduation rates among Hispanic students. Organizations or individuals that know of organizations that are actively helping Latino students stay in school can visit their nearby State Farm agent to obtain a grant application or call 1-877-564-3119 to find an agent in their area. The deadline to submit application is November 4. Go to State Farm Es Para Mi for additional information: [http://www.statefarm.com/about/part\\_spos/para\\_mi.asp](http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/para_mi.asp) .

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ongoing-** In the next couple of years the **Bureau of the Census** is hiring 600,000 temporary workers to conduct the 2010 Census. The need for an accurate count by the Census is a critical issue. The Census Bureau is currently opening new local offices around the country and Puerto Rico that will be the bases of operation for the 2010 Census. They are recruiting for management positions for these offices, and people in urban America should apply. For job listings, visit <http://www.USAjobs.gov> .

**Register Now-** The Introduction to Philanthropy and the Nonprofit Sector (NFRD 20000) – a 3 credit course, will be held on Tuesdays, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm; September 2 to December 23, in Midtown Manhattan. *The School of Professional Studies' Nonprofit Fund Raising and Development Certificate Program*, which was developed by **City University of New York (CUNY)** faculty and the **Community Resource Exchange (CRE)** is designed for individuals currently working in nonprofit organizations or government agencies, those working outside the field of fund raising who may desire affiliation in the future, and those who wish to learn the history as well as practical application of fund raising. For more information on this and other courses, or to register, call 212.817.7255, e-mail [SPSInformation@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:SPSInformation@gc.cuny.edu) or visit [www.sps.cuny.edu](http://www.sps.cuny.edu). Each course may be taken for three undergraduate credits or on a non-credit basis. Tuition per course is \$510 plus applicable fees. Students who complete all three courses for a total of nine credits are eligible to receive the Nonprofit Fund Raising and Development Certificate.

**August 9, 16, and 23<sup>rd</sup>** - *Summer Streets* presented by **The City of New York** and the **New York City Department of Transportation** begins this weekend. For three Saturdays this August, take pleasure in nearly 7 miles of car-free streets from the Brooklyn Bridge to Central Park from 7:00 am - 1:00 pm. Choose a route - as long or as short as you'd like, or just come to relax in the new space - Lafayette Street - 4th Avenue - Park Avenue - 72nd Street - Central Park with connections to Harlem and the West Side Greenway. Summer Streets is for cyclists, joggers, skaters and strollers of all ages and abilities. This is not a race. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottles and fill up with NYC tap water at the water stations at the rest stops. Need a helmet?

NYCDOT will be conducting helmet fittings and distribution at 24th Street and Park Avenue from 9:00 am - noon on all three Summer Street Saturdays. Supplies are limited, you must be present to be fit for and receive a helmet. For more information, or to volunteer, go to <http://www.nyc.gov/summerstreets>.

**August 10-** The Digital Bookmobile, created by **OverDrive, Inc.** and hosted by **The New York Public Library**, provides a free, immersive download experience inside a 74-foot, high-tech tractor-trailer. It will be located on Dead Road, between Sheep's Meadow and the Mall in Central Park, and will showcase the wide range of downloadable audiobooks, eBooks, music, and videos that are available for free through the Library's web site at: <http://ebooks.nypl.org>. There will be an appearance by Frank Delaney author of *James Joyce's Odyssey*, *Simple Courage* and best seller *Ireland: A Novel*; story telling and arts and crafts for kids; library card sign-up; and MP3 giveaways. Interactive learning stations give visitors an opportunity to search the digital media collection, use supported mobile devices, and download and enjoy eBooks, audiobooks, music, and video from the library. Patrons can take advantage of the download service 24/7 when they visit the Library's website. From there, they can browse the growing collection of best-selling, new release, and classic titles, and check out a digital title with a valid library card. Once downloaded, digital titles can be enjoyed on a computer or transferred to supported mobile devices, now including iPods. Many audio titles can also be burned to audio CD. At the end of the lending period, titles automatically expire and are returned to the digital collection. There are never late fees or damaged items.

**August 12-** Deadline to apply for the *We Are All Brooklyn Fellowship* program. Fellows are young professionals (between the ages of 25-40) who are working or volunteering for a community or faith-based organization in Brooklyn. For more information about this opportunity, contact Dori Zofan at 212-983-4800 or [ZofanD@jcrny.org](mailto:ZofanD@jcrny.org).

**August 12-** *International Youth Day*, sponsored by **Directions for Our Youth**, the **United Nations**, and the **NYC Department of Parks and Recreation**, will take place at the United Nations and Robert Moses Park, 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and First Avenue. The parade will begin at noon. Open ceremonies will take place at 12:30 pm and the Showcase will start at 1:00 pm. For more information, visit: <http://www.Dfoy.org>. RSVP to Blanca Jimenez 212-362-4020.

**August 16-** Join 1000 emerging and established nonprofit leaders at **Craigslist Foundation's** third annual *New York Tri-State Area Nonprofit Boot Camp* to be held at New York University. Get inspired and energized to take your nonprofit to the next level. This action-packed day will coach you in key aspects of starting and running a nonprofit or social enterprise and link you with innovative ideas, tools, people and organizations. Just \$75 gets you workshops, keynotes, exhibit hall access, one-on-one coaching, and the opportunity to network and collaborate with hundreds of emerging and established nonprofit leaders. Tracks will feature Nonprofit Basics, Fundraising, Social Entrepreneurship, Technology, Big Ideas (Nonprofit Trends) and Technology, Lobbying and Advocacy and Board Governance. For more information and to register visit <http://www.craigslistfoundation.orgny>.

**August 20-** The **Foundation Center** is holding a *Proposal Writing Seminar* from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Foundation Center, 79 Fifth Avenue (at 16<sup>th</sup> Street), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (check-in and coffee at 8:30 am). For every grant-seeker who wants to learn how to write proposals geared to foundations, and for experienced grant-seekers who are initiating a foundation fundraising campaign. The cost is \$195 however there are scholarships available for qualifying NYC non-profits. More than 36,000 grant-seekers have strengthened their skills with our most popular seminar. Expert instructors will teach you to craft a comprehensive, compelling proposal package—step by step. You'll hear what grant-makers have to say about proposals, and gain valuable insight into the review process. For an application and more information, go to: [http://foundationcenter.org/marketplace/catalog/product\\_training.jhtml?id=prod1920004](http://foundationcenter.org/marketplace/catalog/product_training.jhtml?id=prod1920004). *This notice is not an endorsement by DYCD.*

**September 8- Church World Service**, located in New York, in collaboration with the **The New York City Distance Learning Coalition**, is offering a free interactive course on *Immigration and Naturalization Law*. This ten week course will involve a weekly teleconference, study questions and hypotheticals, and weekly virtual office hours with an immigration attorney. The course will begin on September 8 and end on November 14. A 1 ½ hour webinar will be held each Thursday from 12:00 to 1:30pm. This course is open to individuals who are employed by not-for-profit agencies in the City of New York working with immigrant and refugee communities on immigration matters or matters where immigration status is relevant. There is no fee for this course, which will be taught by an experienced immigration attorney. For more information about the course, please contact Natalie Sullivan at [nsullivan@churchworldservice.org](mailto:nsullivan@churchworldservice.org).

**September 9-** The **Institute for Not-for-Profit Management (INM)** at Columbia Business School Executive Education invites you to attend our fall Information Sessions. INM staff, faculty and graduates will discuss upcoming programs, answer questions and review the application process. Each session will run from 5:30 -7 pm and will be held at Warren Hall on the Columbia University campus (corner of West 115th Street and Amsterdam Avenue). Please RSVP with the session date on our Web site ([www.gsb.columbia.edu/execed/inm](http://www.gsb.columbia.edu/execed/inm)), by email ([inm@columbia.edu](mailto:inm@columbia.edu)) or by phone (212-854-6018) (This session is also being held on November 9.)

**September 15** – Deadline for submission to participate in the **Community Word Project 9th Year of Teaching Artist Training and Internship Program** for the 2008-2009 school year, which offers practicing artists and MFA students the opportunity to transform their creative process into teaching tools to integrate the arts into the public school curriculum. Through this program, participants gain skills that enable them to reach out to underserved youth while gaining experience in NYC classrooms. Throughout the training, participants will gain real-life classroom experience through our internship program as they assist experienced Community Word Project teaching artists. There are two levels of training offered; one for beginning and new teaching artists, and another for those that have at least two years experience working with underserved youth in the public school environment. \*PLEASE NOTE: There is a \$75.00 tuition contribution fee payable upon acceptance to the program. Scholarships will be available; details and procedure for requesting scholarships will be forthcoming with notice of acceptance. For more information please contact Keith Kaminski, Program Director at 212-962-3820 or by email at [kkaminski@communitywordproject.org](mailto:kkaminski@communitywordproject.org).

**September 20** – Join the **United Way Brooklyn Bridge Walk and Volunteer Festival**. The Walk will be held at 10:00 am. After the walk join the group for a fun and informative LIVE UNITED **Volunteer Festival** in Cadman Plaza Park in downtown Brooklyn. Go to: <http://unitedwaynyc.org/dayofaction2008/walk/register.php> for more information, and to register online.

**September 27** – The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **Children's Sports and Fitness Expo**, sponsored by **Body Sculpt**, will be held from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at the 369<sup>th</sup> Harlem Armory Center, 143<sup>rd</sup> Street (between 5<sup>th</sup> and Lenox Avenues). Created to combat the ongoing obesity problem facing our youth, the Expo introduces children to over 25 sports activities, and provides nutrition clinics and health screenings. The event will also offer informational resources, prizes, and entertainment. Admission is free and the event will be held rain or shine. To learn more about the Expo, go to <http://www.bodysculpt.org> or call 718-346-5852.

**October 15** - The **Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD)** is pleased to announce that *Disabilities Mentoring Day (DMD)* will occur this year on October 15 and MOPD has begun their efforts to recruit mentors and mentees. DMD is a wonderful city wide opportunity offering persons with disabilities an opportunity to participate in a day of job shadowing, mentoring and exploration of future workforce opportunities. For more information, go to: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/mopd/html/dmd/about\\_dmd.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/mopd/html/dmd/about_dmd.shtml). If you have any questions, you may also contact Nitza V. Monges, Special Advisor at DYCD @ [nmonges@dycd.nyc.gov](mailto:nmonges@dycd.nyc.gov).

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## RESOURCES

The *New York State Parent Education and Awareness Program* of the **New York State Office of Court Administration** is a new initiative of Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye, and Chaired by the Hon. Evelyn Frazee, a Supreme Court Justice in Rochester. Parent education is offered by certified providers to help separating or divorcing parents better understand the effects of their breakup on their children and to give them information and ideas about how to make the new family situation easier and more livable for themselves and their children. Currently, there are 49 certified providers with a presence in all 62 Counties in New York State. Please visit the Web site at <http://www.nycourts.gov/parented> for a list of certified providers. The Programs are certified through the Office of Court Administration, and accept orders or referrals from the Family Courts or the Supreme Court matrimonial parts. Parents can self-refer and agencies can refer them too.

*America's Children in Brief: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2008*, continues the tradition of cooperation and commitment by agencies across the Federal Government to advance our understanding of children today and indicate what may be needed to bring them a better tomorrow. Go to: <http://www.childstats.gov/> for the full report.

A project of **CompassPoint Nonprofit Services**, *Blue Avocado* is an online magazine for community-based nonprofits published on the first and fifteenth of every month as an HTML newsletter. The magazine's Web site allows users to comment on articles and enables interactive Q&A on comments. It also features an archive of its columns. Go to: <http://www.compasspoint.org/> .

**High 5 Tickets to the Arts** is a non-profit organization dedicated to making the arts affordable for teens. Through High 5, teens ages 13 to 18 can buy **\$5 tickets** to the best of New York City dance, music, theater and visual arts events all year round. All you need is an interest in the arts, a school ID and \$5. To learn more about HIGH 5, please visit their website at: <http://www.highfivetix.org/splash.aspx>

In 2007, twenty-five states launched pilot projects or created a task force in an effort to improve the nutrition and physical activity environments for children, a new report produced by the **Albemarle State Policy Center** finds. Funded by the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**, *Balance: A Report on State Action to Promote Nutrition, Increase Physical Activity, and Prevent Obesity* (130 pages, PDF) commends such actions but notes that further efforts are needed to increase children's access to healthy foods and opportunities for physical activity if we hope to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic. For the full report, go to: <http://www.rwjf.org/files/research/balance122007.pdf> .

A community-wide continuum of support is needed to help youth in poor communities transition into productive adulthood, a recent report from the **Center for Law and Social Policy** (CLASP) argues. The report, *A Collective Responsibility, A Collective Work: Supporting the Path to Positive Life Outcomes for Youth in Economically Distressed Communities* (34 pages, PDF), highlights the systemic risks that youth in distressed communities face, linking high child poverty rates and low high school graduation rates to high rates of violent crime, teen pregnancy, teen unemployment, and sub-par school performance. The report finds that in addition to lacking the resources needed to provide the support young people need, many poor communities suffer from fragmented or narrowly restricted services for youth. The authors call for structuring support programs and resources in a broad continuum from middle school through high school and beyond to enable healthy, well-rounded development. To read the full report, go to: <http://clasp.org/publications/collectiveresponsibility.pdf> .

**The National Commission on Adult Literacy** has published *Reach Higher, America: Overcoming Crisis* in the U.S. Workforce, which argues that a deficit of skills is jeopardizing the future of the nation. For a copy, go to: <http://www.nationalcommissiononadulthoodliteracy.org> .

**Public/Private Ventures (PPV)** has issued *Going to Work with a Criminal Record: Lessons from the Fathers at Work Initiative* as a guide to the multiple complex issues facing this population. It is available at <http://www.ppv.org> .

**MDRC** is offering a series of reports on low-income families and children based on work done in Milwaukee. Look for *New Hope for the Working Poor: Effects After Eight Years for Families and Children* at <http://www.mdrc.org> .

**The Center for an Urban Future** has launched *New York by the Numbers*, new monthly economic snapshots of the five boroughs. The inaugural issue ranks more than 150 national retailers with multiple stores in New York City, starting with Dunkin' Donuts (341 stores citywide). It has also just published a commentary *Off the CUF*, which critiques the Bloomberg Administration's 55 percent cut to the city's ESOL program. To access the material, go to <http://www.nyfuture.org> .

**State Farm "Es Para Mi"**: Bilingual information on U.S. citizenship, voter registration, and educational resources are now available at over 4000 participating State Farm agents' offices nationwide for everyone, including non profit organizations in our community.

**ACCESS NYC** is an online resource for New Yorkers to find out about 35 different programs that are administered by many different City, State, and Federal agencies all on one Web site. New Yorkers do not need to know the administering agency to find out about programs that will benefit their households. ACCESS NYC continues to be recognized as innovative technology that allows New Yorkers to get all of the information they would need to

successfully apply for benefits in an easy-to use process. The Computer World Honors program awarded HHS-Connect/ACCESS NYC with the Laureate medal, and the ACT and the IAC named HHS-Connect/ACCESS NYC as one of four finalists for the 2008 State and Local Intergovernmental Solutions Award. This month ACCESS highlights the free Summer Meals program which provides children 18 years of age and under with a free, healthy and great tasting breakfast and lunch at hundreds of locations around the City. Call 311 for site locations. ACCESS is also excited to announce that their new promotional materials are available to help you educate clients, consumers, and constituents about ACCESS NYC. For help with an emergency, please dial 911. To contact a City Agency, or to inquire about other City government services, please dial 311.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The “*Strength through Diversity*” *Young Professionals Leadership Program* (NYCLP) is designed to identify and energize emerging community leaders committed to promoting mutual understanding among New York City’s diverse ethnic populations. In a six-month long program, participants (ages 25-35) confront the contemporary issues of multicultural society and work both individually and as a team to effect measurable economic and social change that will make a difference in the lives of the people of New York. Participants meet bi-monthly for two hours in educational workshops. The program includes site visits, guest speakers and team building activities featuring prominent political, business and academic leaders. Thirty participants are selected on a competitive basis from the different ethnic communities around the city. Preference is given to young professionals who have demonstrated leadership qualities through their interest in issues of diversity and who have participated in helping foster greater communication, understanding, and cooperation between the city’s ethnic groups. Participants will work toward developing a “Diversity Project” with the Advisory Committee that can be implemented within the six months following the program in collaboration with the partnering organizations. The program is offered in collaboration with **Cornell University Cooperative Extension-New York City the City of New York Department of Youth and Community Development, the America - Israel Friendship League and the New York Tolerance Center**. The submission deadline for applications is August 14. For additional information about the program or to learn more about the application and selection process, please contact Kym Pitlor at [coordinator@nyclp.org](mailto:coordinator@nyclp.org).

**State Farm Companies Foundation** has assisted Hispanic college students through its relationship with the *Hispanic Scholarship Fund* since 1990. Each year, they provide \$2,500 scholarships to 20 Hispanic college students who are pursuing a teaching career. Applications are available from August 1 and the deadline to submit an application is October 16 (must be postmarked by October 16). To obtain an application and selection criteria, please contact the Hispanic Scholarship Fund at: Hispanic Scholarship Fund, 55 Second Street, Suite 1500, San Francisco, CA 94105, 1-877-HSF-INFO (1-877-473-4636).

The **Skoll Foundation's** mission is "to advance systemic change to benefit communities around the world by investing in, connecting, and celebrating social entrepreneurs." The foundation's *Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship* support social entrepreneurs whose work has the potential for large-scale influence on critical challenges of our time: environmental sustainability, health, tolerance and human rights, institutional responsibility, economic and social equity, and peace and security. Within these issues, the foundation is particularly interested in applications from social entrepreneurs working in five critical sub-issue areas that threaten the survival of humanity -- climate change, nuclear proliferation, global pandemics, conflict in the Middle East, and water scarcity. Skoll social entrepreneurs are innovators who have tested and proved their approach and are poised to replicate or scale up their work. The Skoll Awards provide later-stage, or mezzanine, funding, which is generally structured as a \$1 million award paid out over three years. In most cases, the grant is provided for core support to help organizations expand their programs and capacity to deliver long-term, sustainable equilibrium change.

The awards are not intended for new or early-stage programs or initiatives. Programs submitted for consideration should have a track record of no less than three years. In addition to core support, the foundation supports the participation of award recipients in the annual Skoll World Forum on Social Entrepreneurship. Applications are accepted and reviewed on a year-round basis, with successful applicants receiving initial funding installments shortly after decisions are made. Awards will be presented publicly at a ceremony at the Skoll World Forum, which occurs at the end of every March in Oxford, England. Please note the following upcoming deadline for the awards: November 4. Please note also that applicants who are not selected must wait 24 months before reapplying. For an in-depth description of the foundation's eligibility criteria, the application process, FAQs, and application instructions, visit the Skoll Foundation Web site: <http://www.skollfoundation.org>.

**Project Working Mom** will offer \$2 million in full scholarships to single or married working mothers through a partnership of several on-line schools with eLearners.com. The schools are American Sentinel University, Ashford University, Capella University, Everest University and Penn Foster College. Individuals must apply by Aug. 31. For more details go to:

<http://www.elearners.com/projectworkingmom/Scholarships/EntryForm.aspx?tsource=home&tid=200>

Administered by the **Cleveland Foundation**, the *Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards* recognize books that have made important contributions to the understanding of racism and the appreciation of the rich diversity of human cultures. Past winners have presented the extraordinary art and culture of peoples around the world, explored human rights violations, exposed the effects of racism on children, reflected on growing up bi-racial, and illuminated the dignity of people as they search for justice. There are two awards, one for a work of fiction or poetry and one for a work of nonfiction, biography, or scholarly research. Only books written in English and published in the preceding calendar year are eligible. Plays and screenplays are not eligible, nor are works in progress. Manuscripts, self-published works, and electronic publications are not eligible, and no grants are made for completing or publishing manuscripts. Works of poetry are eligible for the fiction prize. Awards winners will receive their prize at a ceremony in Cleveland. Award recipients traditionally receive a monetary gift of \$10,000 from the Anisfield-Wolf Fund. The submission deadline is December 31. Visit the awards program Web site for complete program guidelines and information on previous winners: <http://www.clevelandfoundation.org/>.

**Nestle USA** honors young people between 13 and 18 years of age who have excelled in school and are making their community and the world a better place. Nominees should have strong backgrounds in citizenship, school, community involvement and reading. Honorees will be featured in a special publication and honored at a ceremony in Los Angeles, CA in the summer of 2009. The deadline to submit nominations is November 20. Approximately 25 awards of \$1,000 will be donated in the name of each winner to the charity of his or her choice. For further information, go to <http://www.nestle-verybestinyouth.com/>.